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Dear Nebraska Farmers, Ranchers and Agribusinesses:

The following narrative and tables are from recently published reports by USDA's Agricultural Statistics Board. These data are direct results of information provided by Nebraska producers and agribusinesses to the surveys conducted each month by this office.

Thank you for your response to these surveys.

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Nebraska Cattle on Feed Up 13 Percent

Nebraska feedlots with capacities of 1,000 or more head contained 1.95 million cattle on feed on August 1, up 13 percent from last year and 11 percent above August 1, 2004. This is the largest August 1 inventory since the data series began in 1994. Placements of cattle into feedlots during July totaled 380,000 head, up 17 percent from 2005 and 23 percent above 2004. Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 410,000 head, up 1 percent from last year and two years ago. Other disappearance during July totaled 10,000 compared with 10,000 last year and 5,000 during July 2004.

U.S. Cattle on Feed Up 7 Percent

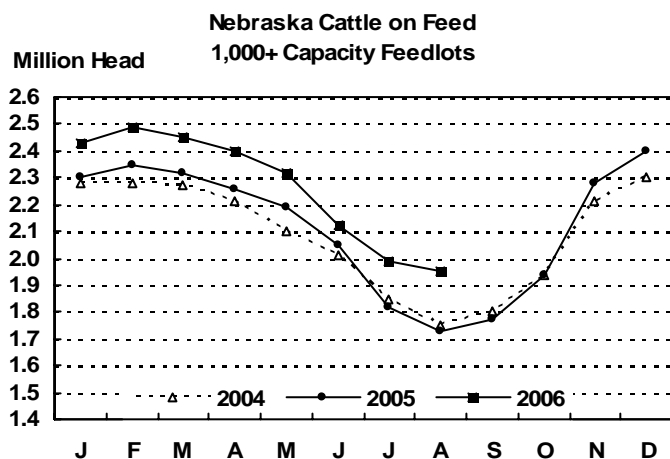
Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.8 million head on August 1, 2006. The inventory was 7 percent above August 1, 2005 and 10 percent above August 1, 2004. Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.96 million, 17 percent above 2005 and 14 percent above 2004. Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 1.96 million, 2 percent above 2005 and 2004. Other disappearance totaled 58,000 during July, 5 percent below 2005 but unchanged from 2004.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2005-2006

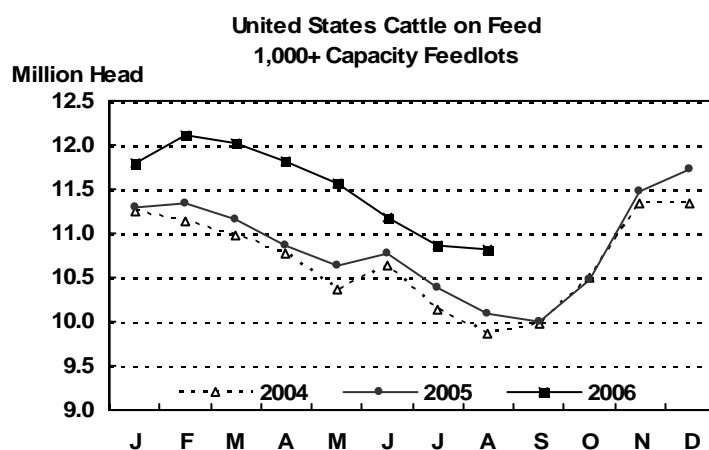
State	August 1 Number on Feed ¹			July Placements			July Marketings			July Other Disappearance ²		
	2005	2006	<u>2006</u> 2005	2005	2006	<u>2006</u> 2005	2005	2006	<u>2006</u> 2005	2005	2006	<u>2006</u> 2005
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	
Arizona	314	339	108	29	31	107	37	34	92	2	2	100
California	530	515	97	72	55	76	59	67	114	3	3	100
Colorado	820	940	115	125	150	120	200	180	90	5	10	200
Idaho	250	225	90	36	36	100	45	40	89	1	1	100
Iowa	400	445	111	49	60	122	63	73	116	1	2	200
Kansas	2,190	2,360	108	480	590	123	470	495	105	20	15	75
Nebraska	1,730	1,950	113	325	380	117	405	410	101	10	10	100
New Mexico	134	144	107	23	23	100	18	18	100	3	1	33
Oklahoma	320	345	108	62	58	94	61	52	85	1	1	100
South Dakota	143	165	115	15	24	160	30	38	127	3	1	33
Texas	2,890	2,970	103	400	480	120	450	480	107	10	10	100
Washington	137	154	112	26	33	127	30	26	87	1	1	100
Other States	235	270	115	36	43	119	50	42	84	1	1	100
U.S.	10,093	10,822	107	1,678	1,963	117	1,918	1,955	102	61	58	95

¹ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

² Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.



Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office



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Cattle on Feed: Number Placed on Feed by Weight Group, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2005-2006

State	During July									
	Under 600		600-699		700-799		800 Plus		Total	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
<i>1,000 Head</i>										
Colorado	20	40	20	30	45	40	40	40	125	150
Kansas	85	140	100	145	150	165	145	140	480	590
Nebraska	40	60	65	65	90	100	130	155	325	380
Texas	130	220	105	110	110	105	55	45	400	480
Other States	125	110	48	53	70	80	105	120	348	363
United States	400	570	338	403	465	490	475	500	1,678	1,963

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed August 18, 2006

Commercial Livestock Slaughter

July 2006 number slaughtered and changes from last year and last month are shown below. July 2005 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays. July 2006 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays.

Livestock Slaughter: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, July 2006 with Comparisons

Item	Total ¹	July 2006 Percent of	
		July 2005	June 2006
Nebraska	<i>1,000 Head</i>		
Cattle, head	613.3	103	90
Hogs, head	542.1	100	97
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	607.7	105	92
United States			
Cattle, head	2,834.3	104	90
Calves, head	57.9	99	99
Hogs, head	7,884.8	103	95
Sheep & Lambs, head	202.1	101	95
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	3,782.0	105	92

¹ Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter August 25, 2006

Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity, United States, July 2006 with Comparisons

Commodity	Stocks	July 2006 Percent of	
		July 2005	June 2006
1,000 Lbs.			
Total red meats	897,053	105	104
Beef	466,801	121	107
Pork	411,652	92	101
Poultry	1,271,825	102	98
Turkey	511,024	98	101
Chicken	753,291	104	96

Source: USDA NASS Cold Storage August 22, 2006

Poultry: Layers and Eggs, Nebraska and United States, July 2006 with Comparisons

Item	2005	2006	2006/2005
	<i>Millions</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Number of Layers			
Nebraska	12.0	11.7	98
United States	338.6	341.0	101
Table Eggs Produced			
Nebraska	276	262	95
United States	6,444	6,558	102
Chickens Hatched, July			
United States			
Egg-type	34.9	33.2	95
Broiler	808.4	800.1	99

Source: USDA NASS Chicken and Eggs August 22, 2006

Turkeys Raised Up 3 Percent from 2005

The preliminary estimate of turkeys raised in the United States during 2006 is 265 million, up 3 percent from the number raised during 2005.

The following six States are expected to account for about two-thirds of the turkeys produced in the U.S. during 2006:

Minnesota, at 45.0 million birds, is expected to raise the largest number of any state, showing a 1 percent increase from last year.

North Carolina ranks second with 37.0 million birds, up 3 percent from 2005.

Arkansas is in third place by producing 30.0 million birds, 3 percent more than a year ago.

Virginia, at 22.5 million birds, is up 7 percent from 2005.

Missouri growers expect to produce 21.5 million birds in 2006, up 5 percent from the previous year.

California expects to raise 16.0 million turkeys, 7 percent more than a year earlier.

Turkeys: Number Raised, Selected States, and United States, 2005 & 2006

State	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Arkansas	29,000	30,000	103
California	14,900	16,000	107
Illinois	2,900	2,700	93
Indiana	13,400	13,800	103
Iowa	9,600	10,000	104
Michigan	4,700	4,800	102
Minnesota	44,500	45,000	101
Missouri	20,500	21,500	105
North Carolina	36,000	37,000	103
North Dakota	1,100	1,400	127
Ohio	5,700	5,500	96
Pennsylvania	11,500	10,000	87
South Carolina	8,000	11,000	138
South Dakota	4,600	4,400	96
Virginia	21,000	22,500	107
United States	256,270	264,874	103

Source: USDA NASS Turkeys Raised, August 23, 2006

Milk Cows and Production: By Month, 23 Selected States, 2005-2006¹

Month	Milk Cows ²		Milk per Cow ³		Milk Production ³		
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005
	<i>Thousands</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
January	8,087	8,195	1,643	1,710	13,287	14,014	105
February	8,084	8,206	1,522	1,587	12,301	13,022	106
March	8,099	8,228	1,707	1,775	13,825	14,604	106
April	8,117	8,240	1,690	1,727	13,717	14,228	104
May	8,131	8,257	1,760	1,780	14,311	14,700	103
June	8,138	8,269	1,690	1,695	13,755	14,017	102
July	8,151	8,258	1,683	1,686	13,715	13,919	101
August	8,162		1,671		13,640		
September	8,167		1,599		13,057		
October	8,168		1,637		13,373		
November	8,167		1,592		13,002		
December	8,179		1,663		13,599		
Annual	8,138		19,857		161,582		

¹ 2006 revised. ² Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. ³ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Source: USDA NASS Milk Production, August 17, 2006

Farm Labor: Number and Wage Rates for Type of Workers and All Hired Workers, Selected Regions and United States, July 10-16, 2005 & July 9-15, 2006¹

Region ²	Wage Rates									
	Hired Workers		All Hired Workers		Type of work					
	2005	2006	2005	2006	Field		Livestock		Field & Livestock	
					2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	<i>Thousands</i>				<i>Dollars Per Hour</i>					
Lake	75	68	9.66	10.22	8.66	9.37	9.52	9.72	8.97	9.50
Cornbelt I	54	55	9.56	10.14	9.20	9.46	8.77	9.28	9.10	9.40
Cornbelt II	31	23	9.56	10.40	8.86	9.85	9.14	10.15	9.05	10.00
Northern Plains	45	41	9.05	9.60	8.15	8.94	9.49	9.92	8.60	9.28
Southern Plains	63	53	9.27	9.38	8.07	8.53	9.06	9.12	8.50	8.75
Mountain I	29	30	8.79	9.14	8.39	8.41	8.51	9.06	8.44	8.74
Mountain II	26	25	9.20	9.34	8.62	8.33	8.49	8.89	8.58	8.55
United States	936	875	9.38	9.74	8.61	8.95	9.26	9.56	8.78	9.10

¹ Excludes agricultural service workers. ² Regions consist of the following: Lake: Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin; Cornbelt I: Illinois, Indiana, Ohio; Cornbelt II: Iowa, Missouri; Northern Plains: Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota; Southern Plains: Oklahoma, Texas; Mountain I: Idaho, Montana, Wyoming; Mountain II: Colorado, Nevada, Utah.

Source: USDA NASS Farm Labor, August 18, 2006

Prices Received: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, Preliminary August 2006 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	Nebraska			United States				
		August 2005 ¹	July 2006 ¹	August 15, 2006	August 2005 ¹	July 2006 ¹	August 15, 2006	% of Parity	Parity Price ²
Wheat, All	Bushels	\$ 3.14	\$ 4.31	\$ 4.10	\$ 3.24	\$ 3.89	\$ 3.88	37	\$10.50
Corn	Bushels	1.86	2.11	2.05	1.95	2.14	2.03	26	7.84
Oats	Bushels	1.56	1.69	1.80	1.49	1.78	1.70	39	4.36
Grain Sorghum	Cwt.	3.17	3.95	3.75	3.69	4.62	4.11	22	12.20
Soybeans	Bushels	6.04	5.38	5.10	6.15	5.61	5.24	30	17.30
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	46.00	80.00	85.00	99.70	107.00	106.00		
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	47.00	81.00	85.00	108.10	113.00	110.00		
Other, Baled	Ton	43.00	75.00	83.00	77.00	89.30	91.50		
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt.	19.80	18.10	18.70	21.40	21.70	20.30	37	55.40
Hogs	Cwt.	53.30	52.30	54.50	51.00	50.20	51.60	44	118.00
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	53.70	52.70	54.90	51.60	51.10	52.50		
Sows	Cwt.	38.00	33.30	35.30	38.60	32.00	33.60		
Beef Cattle	Cwt.	83.80	86.20	87.90	84.40	86.10	87.70	45	195.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	84.80	87.40	89.10	87.70	90.40	91.80		
Cows	Cwt.	53.00	47.00	48.80	51.40	46.60	46.90		
Calves	Cwt.	144.00	143.00	145.00	133.00	136.00	134.00	50	270.00
Sheep	Cwt.	43.70	32.70		43.00	27.40			96.40
Lambs	Cwt.	100.00	90.20		109.00	93.10			235.00

¹ Entire month average except hay which is mid-month.

² Parity price based on data for August 2006.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, August 31, 2006

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